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## THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service in the China Mail.)

**NO PROSPECT OF EARLY  
ARMISTICE.**

**NAVAL AND MILITARY  
GUARANTEES WANTED.**

London, Oct. 14.  
It is authoritatively stated that there is no prospect of an early armistice. Moreover, when the time is ripe for considering the proposition of an armistice it would not be seriously considered without accompanying naval and military guarantees that Germany is not merely ready to sheathe the sword but that she is absolutely powerless to resume hostilities.

These fundamental points represent the views of Great Britain and her Allies.

President Wilson is unlikely to reply at present. It is expected that he will consult the Allies before definitely drafting an answer.

**PUBLIC FEELING IN ENGLAND.**

**PUNISHMENT OF GERMAN  
CRIMINALS DEMANDED.**

London, Oct. 14.  
The feeling of the general public on Sunday, as regards the proposed armistice, seemed to be mainly one of anxiety lest anything be done to jeopardise a just recompense for the sacrifices made. This feeling is reflected in numerous interviews with public men, such as the Lord Mayor of London, the Reverend J. R. Campbell, Mr. Hyndman (the Socialist) and Lord Haldane. How the Leinster crime has affected opinion is evidenced by a speech by Mr. T. P. O'Connor at Whitefield's Tabernacle in which he declared that it was impossible to approach the subject of peace with a cool mind in view of the universal horror and rage at the Leinster murders. He said the Allies must apply to Germany that force which alone will guarantee a non-recurrence of the infernal crimes.

A meeting at the Coliseum, addressed by the Earl of Denbigh, passed a resolution demanding punishment of the German criminals and no armistice until the Germans surrendered unconditionally.

**CONSTERNATION IN GERMAN  
OFFICIAL QUARTERS.**

London, Oct. 14.  
Reuter learns that the Leinster and Mirano Murders have caused consternation in certain German official quarters in neutral countries. High German financial quarters are now following shipping circles in advocating peace upon President Wilson's conditions, urging that otherwise, internal revolution is inevitable.

[FRENCH WIRELESS.]

**GERMANY'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT  
WILSON'S NOTE.**

**MARSHAL FOCH MASTER OF  
THE HOUR.**

London, Oct. 13,  
10 a.m.

The French newspapers, in commenting upon the German Reply to President Wilson's Note, state that before transmitting the enemy's communications for an Armistice and Peace to the Entente Powers, President Wilson demanded from Berlin precise and supplementary explanations. If the President is satisfied by the explanations of the Note given by the enemy Government, then President Wilson will transmit the enemy's reply to the Allied Governments. High Allied Governments deem it opportune to make a reply that will confer with each

other—if they have not already done so. If an affirmative reply is made, Marshal Foch will decide what military conditions must be imposed with a view to an Armistice.

Marshal Foch is not the man to permit any subterfuges whereby the enemy could renew the contest. Marshal Foch is now the master of the hour, and presents to the enemy a double mode of compulsion: his strategy on the field of battle and the weight of the victories gained by him during these negotiations. It is essential not only that Germany admits herself to be conquered in this war, but that she must be placed in such a position that it will forever be impossible for her to wage another war.

**ALLIES ACCELERATE GERMAN  
RETREAT.**

London, Oct. 13,  
10 a.m.

The retreat of the enemy has been accelerated along the whole front.

**FRENCH OCCUPY VOUSIERS.**

On Saturday General Gouraud occupied Vouziers, Vail and Asfeld-la-Ville, between the Aisne and the Oise.

**ENEMY EVACUATE LAONNAIS.**

The enemy has evacuated Laonnais.

The Forest of St. Gobain is turned on the left to the south of Laon.

**FRENCH NEAR LAON.**

General Mangin's army is four kilometres from Laon.

Between Laon and Craonne the French troops are approaching the plain of Sissonne.

The British are progressing on the line of the Selle river.

**BRITISH CARRY DOUAI.**

The British have carried Douai, and now threaten Denain.

**FRENCH ENTER LAON.**

**THE STRONGEST DEFENSIVE  
POSITION IN FRANCE.**

London, Oct. 14.

Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing on Sunday afternoon, says—  
The French entered Laon without a fight, thus reconquering the great crowd of natural obstacles which, for years, formed the keystone of the German defence in France.

Last year Laon seemed the final goal of our efforts. To-day its capture is merely an episode in the pursuit. The semi-circle of hills in front and the network of railways behind it made it the strongest defensive position in France.

**THE FRENCH FRONT.**

**PROGRESS CONTINUES  
EVERYWHERE.**

London, Oct. 14.

Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing yesterday evening, says—  
Further French progress is recorded from the Oise to the Aisne and in Champagne.

South-east of Laon we reached a line running straight from Orgival to Amfontaine.

In Cense we occupied a strong position north of the Aisne and are bridging the river under occasional heavy artillery fire.

Further back in the great northward bend of the Aisne we hold the southern bank of the river to Vouziers.

North of this line numerous reports indicate that the enemy does not intend hold long his new natural line along the Sarre river.

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## INTIMATIONS

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all Transactions of Shares made for December Settlement will be negotiated on MONDAY, 23rd December, 1919, instead of Friday, 27th December, as previously advertised.

By Order of the Committee.  
E. M. RAYMOND,  
Secretary.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.  
Hongkong, Oct. 10, 1919. 826

## MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

Nov. 2nd—SATURDAY—Nov. 2nd.

THE ANNUAL BAZAAR under the auspices of the above League, will be held by kind permission in the grounds of Government House, on SATURDAY, November 2nd. The Proceeds as formerly will be devoted to Local Charities for Children, the "Oysterha" Cots, Surrey and Naval and Military Funds for Orphans.

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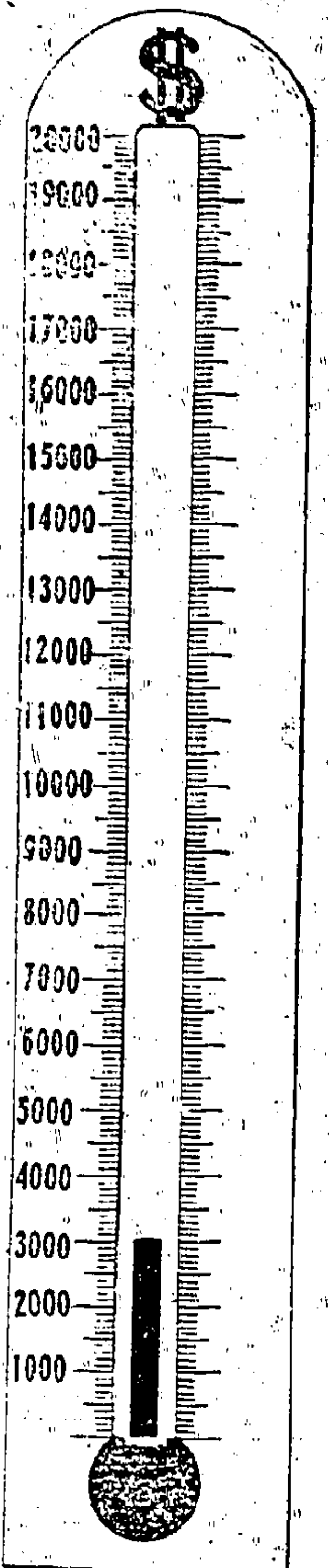
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Subscriptions received LAST YEAR by Lady May previous to "OUR DAY" amounted to \$13,861.00 and it is hoped that subscriptions this year will exceed \$20,000. All subscriptions will be acknowledged in the newspapers and the thermometer altered to show the amounts received to date. It is hoped that residents in the ports of South China, who will be unable to visit Hongkong on "OUR DAY", will avail themselves of this opportunity to subscribe to the Fund through this medium. All subscribers will receive a special rose.

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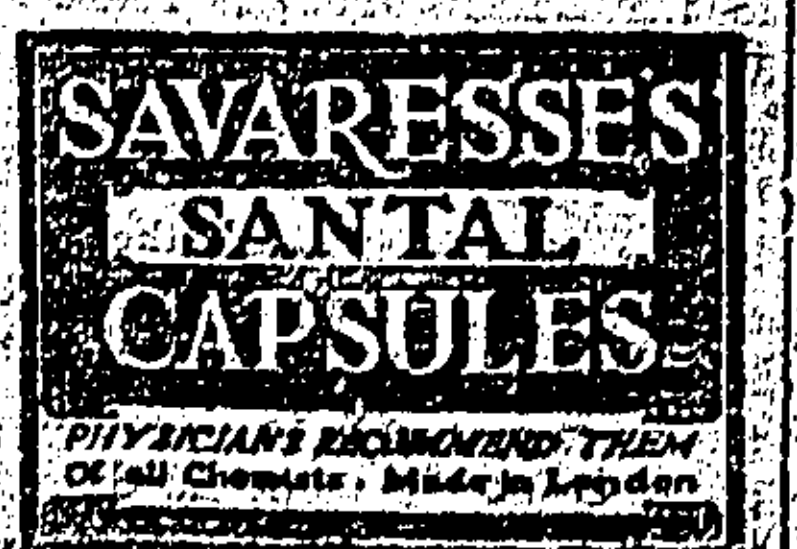
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## NEW REFORM PROGRAMME.

## LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC UNION AND NATIONAL STABILITY.

At a meeting of the Liberal Democratic Union in the House of Commons recently, at which Mr. W. M. R. Pringle, M.P., presided, the following extended statement of policy was moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by Mr. Harry Dawson, J. P., of Huddersfield, and unanimously adopted:—

We contend that in order to establish and maintain conditions of national stability the following matters are urgently required:—

1.—Removal of the present restrictions on trade and industrial freedom as affecting employers and workmen, and the application of self-government to industry on the lines of the Whitley Report.

2.—Preservation of the free trade system as the principal instrument of economic prosperity, and as an essential condition of international peace, to be departed from (if necessary) only to enforce the policy of the League of Nations.

3.—The securing to all of educational training in all branches, without distinction of sex or class.

As a further means of ensuring internal stability and satisfying just national claims, we demand the immediate extension of self-government to Ireland, to be followed by devolution on similar lines to other parts of the United Kingdom.

To provide for the equitable and expeditious discharge of war liabilities and the financing of imperative schemes of social and industrial reconstruction, we call, in particular, for the urgent consideration of means for the speedy liquidation of war debt and for the taxation of land values, to break up the present land monopoly and to relieve the pressing housing problem.

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THE AMERICAN FRONT.  
ENEMY EFFORTS TO RETAKE POSITIONS DEFEATED.

LONDON, Oct. 14. An American communiqué states: On both sides of the Meuse we broke up strong and repeated attempts of the enemy to dislodge us from recently won positions.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE BRITISH

STEADY PROGRESS AND SHARP FIGHTING.

MORE POSITIONS CAPTURED.

LONDON, Oct. 12. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:— Local fighting occurred today along the line of the Selle River, between Le Cateau and Solesmes. We steadily progressed north-west of Solesmes towards the Sella Valley and drove out the enemy rearwards from St. Vaast, St. Aubert, Villers-on-Cauchies, Avesnes-le-Sec. Further we cleared the west bank of the Senne Canal, between Arleux and Corbehem, both of which are in our possession.

We are closely approaching the line of the Canal west of Douai. East of Lens we captured Montigny, Harneux and Annahy. We inflicted numerous casualties on the German rearwards and took prisoners in sharp local fighting on the whole of this front.

## AERIAL FIGHTING.

BRITISH AVIATORS' HARRASS ENEMY.

LONDON, Oct. 12. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, says:— Our low-fliers bombed and machine-gunned parties of German infantry and transport, dropping nine tons of bombs, and inflicting casualties. Night-flying was impossible.

LONDON, Oct. 13. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, says:— Rain and thick mist impeded flying. Our low-fliers dropped 23 tons of bombs. There was no decisive air-fighting.

## BRITISH AERIAL WORK.

LONDON, Oct. 13. The Press Bureau states that 348 German aeroplanes were destroyed or disabled on the Western Front in September, 69 balloons were destroyed, and 236 British machines are missing. The figures are exclusive of the heavy casualties inflicted by the Independent Air Force and British coastal squadrons in raids on Germany and Belgium.

PIERCE ATTACKS BY ENEMY TANKS.

GERMANS BEING PUSHED.

LONDON, Oct. 13. Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this evening, says:— Between La Cateau and St. Vaast the Germans in strength are fighting hard. We renewed the attack here yesterday. The severest fighting occurred along the railway embankment from Montoy to Neuville, large new enemy forces fiercely counter-attacking, supported by tanks the whole morning. By the afternoon British tenacity had triumphed. We are pursuing the Germans eastwards.

## BRITISH VERY NEAR DOUAI.

LONDON, Oct. 13. Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, reports:— Everywhere on the line of the German retreat fires continue to light up the horizon. The enemy is concentrating upon destroying all places of commercial value and the household effects of the inhabitants. They mean to ruin all prospects of future prosperity. They still believe that frightfulness will stimulate anxiety to grant an armistice.

## SUNSHINE AND COMMON SENSE.

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LION EXPECTED TO FALL.  
ENEMY FACED WITH OPEN WARFARE.

LONDON, Oct. 13. Reuter's Agency learns that we have reached the outskirts of Denais and captured a suburb of it, on the west bank of the Senne. Practically the whole of St. Gobain massif has been captured.

The French have reached the outskirts of Lion which is momentarily expected to fall. The Allies have emerged into open country in the neighbourhood of the source of Loucheux River. The whole of the high ground south-east and east of Lion has been evacuated and also the Misse salient. Thus, by midday the French advanced another seven miles in the neighbourhood of Lion.

It is pointed out that the enemy retreat has so far been carried out in good order and there is no evidence of anything approaching a debacle though when the enemy retirement has been carried out he will be in a difficult situation, with awkward salients. He will be continually faced with open warfare.

## THE FRENCH FRONT.

LA FERRE CAPTURED.

ITALIAN ADVANCE ON AILETTE.

LONDON, Oct. 13. A French communiqué states:— We have captured La Ferre and crossed the railway from La Ferre to Lion in the neighbourhood of Daniry and Borsigny. To the north-east the villages on the Serre are all ours. In the St. Gobain massif we occupied St. Nicholas-sur-Bis and Suzy. Italian troops progressed north of the Ailette. Further east we hold the line Ailette-Berrioux-Ant-Fontaine. We cleared the last points of enemy resistance in the bend of the Ailette.

## SEVENTEEN DAYS' BATTLE IN CHAMPAGNE.

BRILLIANT RECORD OF FOURTH ARMY.

21,567 PRISONERS AND MUCH BOOTY.

LONDON, Oct. 13. A French communiqué states:— The battle which was begun in Champagne on September 26th has ended after 17 days fighting in the complete defeat of the enemy.

The Fourth Army completed the liberation of the bend of the Aisne by re-occupying today 36 localities, freeing several thousands of civilians, who have been subjected to the German yoke since 1914. This Army alone since the beginning of the Champagne offensive has taken 21,567 prisoners, including 499 officers, 600 guns, 3,500 wagons and much material.

The Fifth Army on its left is relentlessly pursuing the enemy and has crossed the Retourne. They advanced 10 kilometres. We hold Vieux-les-Asfeld, Asfeld-la-Ville and the southern outskirts of Blancy, and have crossed the Aisne, fighting at Guignicourt and Neufchateau and advancing towards Mont Provain between the Aisne and the Oise. Our vigorous pressure forced the enemy to a fresh retreat.

Pressing his rearwards we have reached the Ailette north of Craonne. Further west our line was marked by Chiville-Ouvettes, four kilometres from Lion, Bourguignes, Faucourt, and points east of Promont, east of St. Gobain, west of Bertancourt and Deuillet.

A SEA OF SMOKE AND FLAMES.

VILLAGES ABLAZE FOR MILES.

MORE GERMAN FRIGHTFULNESS.

LONDON, Oct. 13. Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing on Saturday afternoon, says:— The Germans are rapidly retreating along the whole Champagne front of 60 miles. The horizon is everywhere a sea of smoke and flames. Every town and village for miles behind the enemy's lines is burning. The meaning of this line of flame is that it terms acceptable to Germany are not offered. France will recover her invaded territories because it cannot be prevented but they will be deserts littered with dead cities.

## THE GERMAN RETREAT.

ENEMY PUTS UP DESPERATE FIGHT.

PARIS, Oct. 12. A Havas message states:— Yesterday the Germans retreated before General Gouraud's army, falling back on a front of 88 miles from the rivers Sappe and Aisne. The French pursued them with cavalry, reaching the river Retourne. The magnificent result, well won by General Gouraud's troops after a desperate battle, is a great victory.

In consequence of the British advance on La Cateau, another withdrawal was forced on the Germans. The northern and of the powerful Wotan Line has been abandoned. The re-conquest of Argonne Forest south of Grandpre was completed by the Americans with the greatest credit. The Germans, using all their ingenuity to prevent the re-conquest, fought with determination and desperation.

## GERMAN DEVASTATION.

Dr. SOLF'S HYPOCRACY.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 13. Dr. Solf has attempted to justify the German devastation of France during the retreat on the plea of military necessity. He declared: "As long as the struggle continues, much as we regret the loss of irreparable art treasures and even consideration for the most venerable shrines, civilization must give place to consideration for the lives of the defenders of the Fatherland."

## THE AMERICAN FRONT.

HEAVY FIGHTING ON THE MEUSE.

LONDON, Oct. 13. An American communiqué states:— East of the Meuse there has been heavy fighting in Bois-des-Cources. We attained our objectives on both sides of the river. We have taken since Sept. 26 in this sector 17,659 prisoners.

## A GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Oct. 13.

A wireless German official message says:— We withdrew somewhat north-east of Cambrai. The enemy followed up and reached near Avesnes-le-Sec and the heights on the west bank of the Selle, near Hulloir, and Haussy. Between the Oise and the Aisne the enemy reached the wooded districts of St. Gobain and the heights north of the Ailette and Ant-Fontaine.

GERMANY'S TREATMENT OF WAR PRISONERS.

ALLIES TO TAKE DRASTIC STEPS.

LONDON, Oct. 12.

The Press Bureau issues a statement by the Inter-Departmental Committee on War Prisoners, announcing the receipt of Germany's refusal to ratify the Anglo-German Prisoners Agreement, unless guarantees are given against the deportation or internment of Germans in China. The statement proceeds to say that the Government is determined to take drastic steps to end the continued maltreatment of British war prisoners behind the lines, in the salt mines and elsewhere. They accordingly demand Germany to redress these grievances, particularly:— Firstly, to immediately remove prisoners not fewer than 30 kilometres behind the firing line. Secondly, to afford proper and humane treatment to prisoners in occupied territories, and elsewhere. Thirdly, to permit the Netherlands' representatives to inspect occupied territory behind the lines with a view to ascertaining if the grievances have been redressed. Fourthly, to undertake that no prisoner shall henceforth be employed in the salt mines. Fifthly, to carry out the articles of the recent Hague Agreement, containing a humane code of treatment of prisoners.

Germany has been notified that unless within four weeks these requirements are accepted and Britain is satisfied by neutral reports that the necessary action has been taken, Britain will, in concert with her Allies, take such reprisals as are deemed necessary to compel Germany to treat prisoners in accordance with International Law and the practice of civilised nations. In any case Britain will hold Germany responsible for the unlawful and inhuman treatment of prisoners and will take all steps in her power to ensure that the persons responsible for these outrages are punished. The nature of further reprisals which may be taken will be considered in consultation with the Allies.

Steps are also being taken to secure better treatment for prisoners in Turkish hands, and instruction has been sent to General Allenby that in the event of an armistice with Turkey the immediate and unconditional return of prisoners should be required.

TWO YEARS MORE OF WAR.

SIR E. GEDDES' WARNING.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13. Sir Eric Geddes declared that in the midst of her peace offensive Germany was preparing for intensified submarine warfare, but the Allies are ready to meet it. His advice was not to be deluded by hopes of early peace, but to be prepared for two years more of war.

Since the war the British Navy had escorted overseas about 16,000,000 men, with the loss of less than the one thousandth part of a man in very hundred.

## THE KAISER'S SUCCESSOR!

PARIS, Oct. 12.

A Havas message states:— There is a rumour of the Kaiser's abdication. A story is repeated that the Crown Prince's son, aged twelve, should be selected to succeed under the Regency of the Kaiser's brother.

## ALLIED MINISTERS RETURN FROM PARIS.

PARIS, Oct. 12.

A Havas message states:— Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Bonar Law and the Chief of the Imperial General Staff have returned to London, and Signor Orlando and Baron Sonnino have returned to Italy after conferences with M. Clemenceau and the Naval and Military Advisers of the Allied Governments.

## THE PEACE OVERTURES.

GERMAN REPLY SIGNED BY DR. SOLF.

LONDON, Oct. 13.

The following is a continuation of the German reply:—

The German Government in accordance with the Austro-Hungarian Government, for the purpose of bringing about an armistice, declares itself ready to comply with the President's propositions with regard to evacuation and suggests that the President may make the occasion of a meeting of a mixed commission for making the necessary arrangements concerning the evacuation. The present German Government which has undertaken the responsibility of this step towards peace has been formed by conferences and is in agreement with the great majority of the Reichstag. The Chancellor, supported in all his actions by the whole of this majority, speaks in the name of the German Government and people. The reply is signed by Dr. Solf.

## VIEWS OF THE PRESS.

The Sunday newspapers unanimously doubt the sincerity of the German move and declare that if the Germans think that all that now remains is to haggle over conditions at a conference they will be rudely disillusioned.

The papers point out that the Allies have their points in addition to President Wilson's fourteen which do not cover the manifold German crimes committed since President Wilson's points were enunciated nor provide for the arrangement of the master criminals who inspired and organised the atrocities, nor do they refer to reparation for sea crimes like that of the *Leinster*.

The papers do not believe that President Wilson will recommend the Entente to grant an armistice without solid guarantees to prevent Germany escaping inevitable military disaster and their suggestions of terms prior to the suspension of hostilities include occupation of Metz, and the Rhine bridge-heads, the dismantling of the German fleet, the surrender of all submarines and a declaration that the colonies will not be returned. All conclude that Marshal Foch can be trusted to dictate terms which will not cheat the Allied Armies of the fruits of their splendid victories.

## FRENCH PRESS OPINION.

PARIS, Oct. 13.

The newspapers emphasise the ambiguity of the German Note and declare that the German assurances of the democratisation of Germany are sheer trickery. They affirm that conditions of suspension of hostilities must be dictated to Germany.

## ITALIAN PREMIER'S VIEW.

ROME, Oct. 13.

Signor Orlando in an interview declared: "The enemy must not be allowed to snatch victory from us by craft. He must evacuate our territory and give definite guarantees. Only thus can the cause of peace be served."

## HOW THE NEWS HAS RECEIVED IN LONDON.

LONDON, Oct. 13.

Germany's reply to President Wilson became known in London late in the evening through announcement from the stage in the theatres and on the screens of the cinemas. It was received with tremendous enthusiasm, and the singing of the national anthem which was so prolonged that the performances in some cases were suspended.

The popular view was that the reply was equivalent to complete surrender and the end of the war only a matter of weeks.

## THE NEXT MOVE.

LONDON, Oct. 13.

Reuter is informed that the next step is for President Wilson to consult the Allies regarding the German answer. *Prima facie* the German answer seems to accept all President Wilson's points, but the real difficulty is Germany's disregard hitherto of all obligations of truth and good-faith. The note does not make it definitely clear whether President Wilson's terms are accepted outright or only as a basis of discussion. Evidently such a mere vague statement will not be sufficient and no armistice is possible except on rigorous guarantees that the enemy is not merely utilizing the interval to resume military operations later.

## A MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN LONDON.

LONDON, Oct. 13.

Mr. Balfour and Mr. Bonar Law are conferring with the Premier to-day on the German reply to President Wilson which was received at the Foreign Office this morning from the British Minister at The Hague.

## KAISER'S ABDICATION DEMANDED.

ZURICH, Oct. 13.

The *Frankfurter Tage Post*, the Socialist-Nuremberg newspaper, demands the abdication of the Kaiser, and says the nation is convinced that the responsibility for the present situation rests with the Kaiser, who is the last of the military monarchs. He does not appear to new Germany to be a fitting representative of the national unity which has suffered from his rule. He has always demanded the greatest sacrifices of his subjects. He should now sacrifice himself if his abdication will obtain better peace terms.

## THE BALKANS.

NINETY THOUSAND PRISONERS TAKEN.

LONDON, Oct. 13.

A French Eastern communiqué states:—

There was violent fighting on the 10th south of Nish between the Serbians and the enemy, who was reinforced by a new German division. Counter-attacks by the German Alpine Corps on the left bank of the Morava were shattered with heavy enemy losses.

East of the Morava the Serbs continued to advance on the hills south of Nish.

Since the 15th, including the Eleventh German and Bulgarian Army which was surrounded at Kirsant and Elen Passes and surrendered, the Allies have captured 90,000 prisoners, including 1,600 officers, six Generals, 2,000 guns, hundreds of machine-guns and mine-throws and immense booty.

## GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Oct. 13.

A wireless German official message states:— In the face of strong attacks we retired to the heights north of Nish. Nish was occupied by the enemy.

## SERBIAN ADVANCE.

PRISONERS FROM THREE GERMAN DIVISIONS.

LONDON, Oct. 13.

A Serbian official message states:— We occupied, after hard fighting, the whole of Selichavitsa mountain and reached Gorizia. Our cavalry is advancing towards Kourchomlia and Prokuplje. We took many prisoners belonging to three new German Divisions, and captured six guns.

## PRUSSIAN SUFFRAGE BILL.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 13.

A message from Berlin states that the Suffrage Committee of the Prussian Upper House has deleted the clause in the Franchise Bill giving an additional vote to persons over 40 years of age.

## AMNESTY FOR GERMAN POLITICAL OFFENDERS.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 13.

A message from Berlin states that the Kaiser has ordered the Chancellor to draw up an extensive amnesty for political offenders.

## NO STRIKES IN CANADA.

OTTAWA, Oct. 13.

An Order-in-Council forbids strikes and lock-outs in essential industries in war-time under severe penalties.

## THE "LEINSTER" MASSACRE.

INDIGNATION IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Oct. 12.

All papers are most indignant at the cold-blooded massacre of the *Leinster* which, committed at this juncture, is bound to defeat Germany's purpose of peace, for it proves that there is no real change in her Government.

Sir Edward Carson writes demanding that the Government insist upon the delivery of the *Leinster* assassins before receiving further notes.

The *Daily Mail* demands the delivery of every German submarine and merchantman as a condition of peace.

The *Daily News* calls for the punishment of the German criminals and says talk of peace at present is a nauseating mockery. It adds that the abdication of the Kaiser will not satisfy the Allies, for a criminal's responsibility cannot be cast off like a worn-out coat.

## HOW THE GERMAN NOTE REACHED WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.

It is authoritatively announced that the German Note was transmitted by wireless from Neuen and picked up and forwarded to Washington through official and diplomatic channels.

It seems on the face of it a complete acceptance of the President's terms.

## BRANTING'S WAR VIEW.

GERMAN PEACE CAN NEVER BE A REAL SETTLEMENT.

LONDON, Oct. 13.

Mr. Branting, after his return from France and England, has given an account of his experiences to a gathering numbering several thousand people. He replied to the attack made upon him by Swedish and German newspapers for, as was alleged, not preserving strict neutrality, and explained that there had been errors in transmission, and misconception had thus arisen.

"I range myself," he said, "on the side of the peace programme proclaimed by the International Russian Revolution, which is also the programme of President Wilson. This will never be realised by a German peace, and the proof is seen in what occurred at Brest-Litovsk."

Speaking of the impressions Mr. Branting declared that in England people were far more devoted to the war than they were in 1916, and they were as determined as ever to fight to the last. Nowhere in France did any thought of a premature peace exist.

In closing Mr. Branting cited a message from President Wilson, and added: "It is fortunate that at the head of the great Entente nation there is such a man as Wilson."

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## LUXURY TAX PROPOSALS.

## PRICE-LIMIT FOR MEALS AND CLOTHES.

## HOTEL AND CLUB CHARGES.

The Report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on Luxury Duty was issued recently as a Parliamentary paper.

Following the French example, the Committee have differentiated between articles which should be taxed as luxuries whatever the price paid, and articles which become luxuries only beyond specified prices. The House of Commons has already fixed the amount of the luxury duty at 2d. in the shilling, and the Government scheme is that this tax should be imposed on the whole amount of a purchase. The Committee's terms of reference did not enable them to deal with this point, but had this been permitted, several of their number would have urged that the duty should be payable only on the amount by which the purchase price rises above the dividing line.

It is proposed that meals taken in clubs shall be reckoned as luxuries when the charges exceed 2s. 6d. for breakfast, 3s. for luncheon, 1s. for afternoon tea, 4s. for dinner, and 2s. for supper. For non-luxury meals at hotels and restaurants the prices allowed are 1s. higher, except in the case of dinner (3s.) and afternoon tea (1s.). The tax would be payable in the case of clubs where more than 15s. a day, or 24 10s. a week, is charged for bed room and meals, and elsewhere where the charge exceeds 17s. 6d. a day or 45 s. a week.

The following are examples of the prices above which various articles would become luxuries under the committee's scheme:

Men's Clothing.—Boots, £2 per pair; slippers, 12s. 6d.; leather or skin gloves, 4s.; hats, 18s.; handkerchiefs, 12s. a dozen; suits of clothes, £8 8s.; overcoat, £7 7s.; wool or flannel shirt, 15s.

Women's Clothing.—Boots, £1 15s. per pair; slippers, 10s.; kid gloves, 8s.; cotton gloves, 5s.; hat (trimmed), 21 15s.; (untrimmed), 15s.; coat and skirt, or coat frock, £7 7s.; gown or dress, £5 5s.; cloak, cape, or waterproof, £6 6s.; cotton skirt, 17s. 6d.; blouse, £1 10s.; stockings, 7s. 6d.; fancy belt or collar, 4s. Children's Clothing.—Costume, frock coat, or suit (for children up to 12 years), £3; ages 12 to 17, £5.

Furniture, &c.—Bed room, drawing room, or dining room suite, £30; wardrobe, £25; bookcase, £20; desk, £15; arm-chair, £10; rug, 4s.; carpet, £1 per square yard; curtains (lace, muslin, or net), £2 per pair; picture frame, £1 10s.; bedstead, £10; blankets, 4s. per pair.

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Exemptions from the tax are recommended under the following heads:—

(1) Articles purchased by museums, art galleries, or libraries, other than those in private ownership, or purchased for direct presentation to, and accepted by, such museums, &c.

(2) Billiard tables and accessories, sporting requisites, games, musical instruments and accessories purchased by properly authorized bodies, solely for the entertainment of or use by the forces of the Crown.

(3) Uniforms, accoutrements, and articles of equipment of a kind certified by the War Office, Admiralty, or other proper authority to be required by members of the forces, when bought by or on behalf of members of the forces.

(4) Medical, surgical, and dental requirements and appliances, and scientific instruments and apparatus.

(5) Musical instruments, and accessories purchased by and for the use of students of music at any recognized college of music or similar institution.

(6) Any instrument or apparatus which is essential for the carrying on of any business, trade, or profession, when purchased by or on behalf of and for the sole use of the persons engaged in such business, trade, or profession.

No. (4) is intended specially to exempt such articles as surgical knives, surgical boots, invalid chairs, dental chairs, astronomical telescopes, which might otherwise be taxed under the headings of cutlery, boots, chairs, &c.

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## FAME.

## HOW IT CAME TO THEM.

[By LUCY J. B. MASON.]

"Fame will come to us in the end," said Michel Arquin, the French poet, to his friend, the Artist.

It was a hot summer evening, and the two men sat outside a café at a small round table. A woman drinking near them smiled from time to time, but they were engrossed in dreams of the future, and of the fame that they coveted so fiercely.

Both men were rather over middle age, and their faces were stamped with that melancholy which is supposed to be the prerogative of genius. They had narrow shoulders and pale complexions, and their eyes were restless, in the manner of all who are highly strung. Their mouths were sensitive, and had lines at the corners to betray the struggle that life was for them.

Ladies called Michel's face "interesting," they said he had a secret sorrow and needed a woman to understand him, a kindred spirit. Both men were dressed in shabby suits of black. Michel had a black felt hat, and Paul Sarel, the Artist, a brown one. Their boots were cracked and down at heel, but their hands were white and soft, like the hands of women. They were immensely vain of their hands.

"Yes," said Michel, "Fame will surely come to us. It may be years. We may not even live to see the glory we win. But our memories will be immortal. There will be tablets put up over the houses where we lived, with dates, and our names. People passing will say, 'Just fancy, he actually lived here: had his meals in that room; came down these very steps to take his morning walk.' It is pleasant to think of such things."

Paul sighed. "If —," he said. But Michel's enthusiasm roused him.

"Tourists," he continued, "will make pilgrimages to our graves. People will remember little scraps of things about us. Those who knew us will tell stories of us, until, gradually, legends will grow up."

"It is a pity," said Paul, "that fame comes so slowly. One longs to taste power, to be able to look back with a luxurious sigh on all these years of poverty and hardship."

He looked sadly at his abstinence, and once more the interesting gloom fell like a veil over their pale faces. And while they drank and dreamed a side of gray swept into Luxembourg, and there was a great thunder of guns.

In the cool of an Autumn evening two British soldiers came by a wooded valley to a cemetery. Faded leaves whirled at their feet and their thoughts kept them silent. They followed the muddy path-way that led to the graves, and walked among the mounds, each with its unpretentious cross of wood. Presently they paused, and bent over a place where there were two mounds side by side. On the crosses there were no names, only a date, and under that "Mort pour la France."

## ON THE HOME FRONT.

[By A. ST. JOHN ARCOCK.]

"It has gone on more than long enough," said the Gentleman with the long face. "I'm sick of it."

"So's everybody," the red-whiskered Fisherman agreed.

"Very well then. That's what I say — we ought to insist on the Government opening peace negotiations at once. However much longer it goes on, we shall have to end the war by negotiations at last, shall we? Then why not now?"

The red-whiskered Fisherman removed his pipe, and exasperated.

"Maybe you think there's no difference," he said, "between trying to argue with yer enemy while he's got his foot on yer neck and trying to do it by-and-by, when you're on yer feet again and can talk to him straight?"

"There were four of us, and we sat on a bench at the end of the jetty looking out across the water towards France."

"End it at once — that's the only sensible way," the Gentleman insisted confidently; "at once on the best terms we can."

"Have you got anybody in it, mister?" he asked. "Oh, no. Thank God, no."

"My boy's there. The red-whiskered had nodded at the horizon. 'I'm not anxious for any sort of patch-up to suit my comfort. I don't want him and his boys over to the go through what we've gone through now. Before the war's done, says I, let's make darn sure that it's done with.'"

"That's the thing, Georgia. It's not a game — for people to play at. No shaking hands with a tiger. Kill it, once for all, so you know it can never come no more."

The other Fisherman had not spoken till now — a grey, old man, with a weather-bitten face, strong and clean-shaven.

"Well, go on with it, for another year or so," cried the Gentleman, warningly, "and a greater state we shall find ourselves in after the war. Bankrupt, everything in ruins, no work, no food —"

"I'm not frightened at after the war," interrupted the red-head. "Give me the war done and done with, and my son back, and I'll see about after the war when we get there."

"By," said the other Fisherman, "we don't worry with that."

"Have you got anybody in it?" demanded the Gentleman impatiently.

"Four of mine are there," said the old man, quietly passing seaward. "It can't be worse for us after the war than it is for all them yonder. I want to see the poor boys come home — dry bread'll do 'em, then, for a time, if that's what you're afraid of."

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